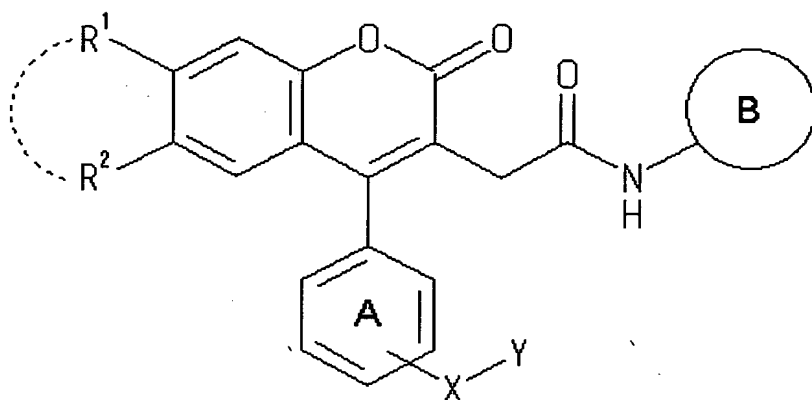


ABSTRACT

Compounds represented by the general formula [I]:



[I].

- 5 wherein R¹ and R² are each hydrogen, halogen, an optionally substituted linear hydrocarbon group, or hydroxyl which may be substituted with an optionally substituted linear hydrocarbon group, or R¹ and R² together with the carbon atoms adjacent thereto may form an optionally substituted
- 10 cyclic hydrocarbon or a dihydrofuran ring which may have an oxo group; ring A is a benzene ring which may be further substituted; ring B is an aromatic ring which may be substituted; X is a bond or a spacer whose main chain has 1 to 6 atoms; Y is carboxyl which may be esterified,
- 15 carbamoyl which may be substituted, cyano, or an optionally substituted heterocyclic group bearing a hydrogen atom capable of being deprotonated, or salts thereof, which are useful as lipid-rich plaque regressing agents and/or ACAT inhibitors.